

**Distribute this flyer to all healthcare providers responsible for newborn screening specimen collection, Medical Directors, Administrative Directors, and Directors of Nursing.**

## **NEWBORN SCREENING UPDATE**

### **2010 NBS Collection Kits (NBS4 and NBS3) are being distributed**

#### **Things You Need to Know**

**Detach Page 2 of the 2010 Collection Kit and give it to the baby's parent.**

- Replaces previous versions: Use and Storage of Newborn Screening Blood Spot Cards
- Form written in English (front of Page 2) and Spanish (back of Page 2)
- Form can also be downloaded in Vietnamese, Spanish and English from the DSHS website:  
<http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/lab/nbsBloodspots.shtm>
- **If the parent wants to have their child's specimens destroyed after testing**
  - Parent should **completely** fill out the form and mail the signed form back to DSHS
- **If the parent returns the completed form to you when the specimen is collected**
  - Mail it to DSHS along with the specimen.
  - **DO NOT** physically reattach or staple the form to the specimen once detached.

**Check the box on the bottom right corner of Page 3 to indicate Page 2 was given to the baby's parent.**

#### **Important Reminder:**

The 'Directive to Destroy Newborn Screening Blood Spot Card Following Testing' form cannot be used by the parent to decline the newborn screening test. Two newborn screening specimens are legally required for all newborns.